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Re: U.S. Patent Application
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING
METHOD, AND IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM STORAGE
MEDIUM
Inventor(s): Takatoshi YAMANAKA, et al.
Your Reference: FU-0032-US(Fujitsu Ref.: 99-02714K)
Our Docket: 1080.1084

Dear Mr. Yamada:

Thank you for your letter of August 9, 2007. We prepared and filed an Amendment in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with your instructions. Copies of all papers filed are enclosed.

In your letter, you request that we present additional dependent claims corresponding to original claim 3. However, in reviewing independent claims 2, 15 and 16, it appears that they already contain limitations corresponding to original claim 3. Accordingly, we did not add additional dependent claims.

As you know, the Examiner also indicates that claims 9, 10 and 11 contain allowable subject matter. Currently, all claims are limited with the subject matter of dependent claims 7 and 8. However, it is not necessary for all claims to be so limited. For example, if claim 11 were rewritten in independent form, it would not contain the limitations of claims 7 and 8. Further, if claims 9 and 10 were rewritten in independent form, they would contain the limitations of claim 8. Please advise if you wish for us to present additional independent claims. Because there are three remaining independent claims, it would be possible to present three additional independent claims for each claim (a total of 9 additional independent claims). Because of the additional claims fees, we did not add the additional claims at this time.

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We will keep you apprised of further developments in this case, as they occur.

Very truly yours,


Mark J. Henry

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